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ALLEGED HE HAD OBTAINED "INCONTROVERTIBLE" EVIDENCE THAT FORMER SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RADUL WALLENBERG, THE SAVIOR OF THOUSANDS OF JEHS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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3. DURING A LUNCHEON WITH CONSUL GENERAL AND ECONOMIC

OFFICER, ____ELABORATED AND MODIFIED HIS CLAIM.

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26 MAIN CONTENTION IS THAT THE ONLY SOVIET STATEMENT RE THE FATE OF WALLENBERG WAS NOT CONVINCING. 16 POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH SOVIET JUDICIAL AND PRISON AUTHORITIES ARE KNOWN FOR THE PRECISION AND ACCURACY OF THEIR RECORDS, THAT DOCUMENT WAS VAGUE, INCONCLUSIVE AND INTERNALLY INCONSISTENT. AS REPORTED HAS ABOUT THENTY PIECES OF TESTIMONY, 66 REFTEL, NOTARIZED AND INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED, THAT HALLENBERG WAS ALIVE AFTER THE 1947 DATE GIVEN IN THE DOCUMENT. 96 F CONTENDS THAT, AS WALLENBERG WAS LAST KNOWN TO BE IN SOVIET CUSTODY; THERE IS A LEGAL PRESUMPTION THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE AND INCARCERATED UNTIL THE SOVIETS PRODUCE MORE DEFINITIVE PROOF TO THE CONTRARY.

66 S. ALSO ELABORATED ON THE MOST RECENT REPORT
HE HAD RECEIVED THAT HALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE.
ACCORDING TO THIS INFORMATION, PROVIDED BY A "TRUSTED
FRIEND OF A TRUSTED FRIEND," HALLENBERG IS BEING HELD
IN A PRISON IN OR NEAR MYRNA (PHON) WHICH IS LOCATED A
FEW KILDHETERS OFF THE MAIN MOSCOW - LENINGRAD HIGHWAY.

BY
OURING RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW HE SPOKE TO, THE
SAKHAROVS, WHO HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE
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OF A PRISON FACILITY IN THE AREA. THEY HAD BEEN TURNED BACK AT A CHECKPOINT WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT THERE HAS A FACTORY PRODUCING HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS IN THE AREA.

HOPES THAT BY CASTING DOUBTS ON THE ONLY PIECE OF EVIDENCE THE SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED REGARDING WALLENBERG, HE CAN PUT PRESSURE FOR HIS RELEASE IN THE (ADMITTEDLY INLINELY): EVENT HE : 13 STILL ACTIVE OR THAT THEY WILL OFFER PROOF: REGARDING BIS DEATH; : CONSIDERS IT IMPUSSIBLE THAT THE STRIFT SYSTEM HOULD

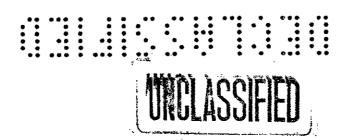




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HOLD A FOREIGNER OF WALLENBERG'S STATURE WITHOUT DETAILED
RECORDS. HE BELIEVES THAT SOVIET SECRECY ON THE ISSUE
IS MOTIVATED BY FEARS FROM OLD-GUARD BUREAUCRATS;
PARTICULARLY IN THE KGB; THAT THEY WILL BE IMPLICATED
BY THE TRUTH. HE FEELS THAT GORBACHEV IS THE ONLY ONE
ABLE TO OVERCOME THIS RESISTANCE AND DEMAND A FULL
ACCOUNTING.

- 7. WHETHER OR NOT WALLENBERG IS DEAD, FEELS THE SOVIETS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE WAS MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER PRISONER AND TO COMMEMORATE HIM. HE SAID THAT SOME ENCOURAGEMENT ON THIS SCORE HAD COME DURING A MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO REFERRED TO WALLENBERG IN COMPLIMENTARY TERMS AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING THE EVIDENCE BROUGHT. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN CANADA HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY ONE JOURNALIST THAT THE SOVIETS HAD APPROACHED HIM TO ASK PARTICULAR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WALLENBERG MATTER.
- 8. COMMENT. COMES ACROSS AS A FAR MORE LOW-KEY AND SERIOUS ADVOCATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THAN PRESS STORIES HAVE PORTRAYED HIM. HE MAKES A PERSUASIVE CASE FOR THE NEED TO CONTINUE PRESSING THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER

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AND SUGGESTS SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT GORPACHEY AND HIS SUPPORTERS ARE HILLING TO RESPOND. IF A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT WALLENBERG HITHOUT ENDANGERING THOSE WHO HAVE HITHHELD IT, THIS MATTER COULD BE LAID TO REST. HOWEVER, IF DISCLOSURE NECESSITATES EXPOSING THE COVER-UP, GORBACHEY MAY NOT YET BE IN A STRONG ENOUGH POSITION TO DELIVER.

9. CONSULATE HILL BE REPORTING ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CONVERSATION WITH SEPARATELY. END COMMENT. HAULE

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